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January 26, 1977

The Honorable
E. Henry Knoche
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Hank:

Thank you so very much for your nice note of January 13th after you received the President's award for Distinguished Federal Career Service. I had not realized that this had come to pass so quickly or I would have sooner sent along my warmest congratulations to you.

I am delighted for the Agency for this recognition of its senior career officer, but I am equally delighted for you personally to receive this recognition of a dedicated and effective service over these years. If I added a word or two which might have helped, it was only a recognition of the truth.

Thanks anyway for having commented on it.

Sincerely,

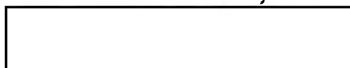
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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Dear Bill:

It was a great personal thrill for me yesterday to receive the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Career Service. The greater thrill was the symbolic recognition of the marvelous men and women who serve and have served in so great an outfit.

I understand you played an important role in advising those who worked on the nomination. I want you to know of my gratitude.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



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